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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Military Information from Rathenow

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REMARKS						[redacted]
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1. Between 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on 17 February 1954, 43 guns, including 76.2-mm field guns, 122-mm field howitzers and 45-mm AF guns, 6 radio trucks, 8 tank trucks, 4 field kitchens, 10 jeeps, 12 trucks, presumably carrying ammunition and ration supplies, and 800 to 900 troops left the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, the Pionier Kaserne (5442) and the Infanterie Kaserne in Rathenow toward Brandenburg-Berlin.

25X1 At 11:30 p.m. on 17 February, another 20 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 radio trucks, 5 jeeps, 2 field kitchens, 6 trucks, presumably carrying ammunition, and about 500 troops left the above mentioned installations in the same direction. Between 5:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. on 17 February, about 60 trucks [redacted] entered the above mentioned installations from the direction of Brandenburg. The trucks left again between 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. At about noon on 19 February, the troops had not yet returned.

2. On 9 February, the Ziethen Kaserne (5441) was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson berets. Unusually many officers were seen at the installation. Motor vehicles observed [redacted]

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3. On 30 January, about 30 troops and a 122-mm field howitzer mounting a carbine were seen at the about 150-meter firing range in Sennin Heath. Construction work at a second firing range of about 700 meters length had been suspended because of frost.
4. On 1 February, 3 x 76.2-mm field guns were being serviced by troops in the former Arado installation.

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[redacted] Comment. The guns observed tend to indicate that only the 18th How Arty Brig (US) left the Pionier Kaserne. If units from the other two installations would have marched out, the guns observed should have included rocket launchers and mortars.

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Although [redacted] reported 76.2-mm guns, could not yet be determined, whether the 18th How Arty Brig (US) is equipped with guns of this caliber or even with 45-mm guns. [redacted] may have observed a transfer to Altengrabow. The Ziethen

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Kaserne can be carried occupied as previously by the Bn. IV Arty Corps. See [redacted] The Arado Installation is occupied by the ordnance and equipment depot of the corps.

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